

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:

Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*

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Molecules Associated with Plants

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**Request for Oral Hearing
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

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Sir:

Appellants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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